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[Spink + Son, Auctions,

London, England]

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2 Bradford Villas,
Dartford Road,
Sevenoaks
(Kent)
England
13. X. 1920

Dear Mr. Wood.

I do trust you will pardon the liberty
I am taking of writing to you, although I
am not quite a stranger. You may remember
that whilst you were in England & visited
my firm (Spink & Son Ltd.) that I served you
most of the time & showed you our Oriental
Stock (including those lead Tenasserims
which you bought) my name being
Leonard Foxer, Junior. My object in
writing to you is to ask your advice as to
the best way of tackling the reading of
Indian coins, & eventually all the coins
with arabic inscriptions. I have lately
been rearranging our Oriental stock, & in
order to be sure of the attributions of coins,
I have compared each one with the catalogues.
Now it would really facilitate my task, &
prove more interesting to me incidentally,
if without possessing a thorough knowledge

of the language, I yet could read it easily enough to be able to make out the rulers' names, mints, dates &c. And knowing how kindly you have always treated me, I am venturing to ask if you can recommend any book, or give me some sound practical advice on how to tackle the subject. I am fairly good at modern languages, being able to speak four fluently, & also having a pretty useful knowledge of Greek & Latin, so that I do not think I ought to find the mastery of another too difficult a proposition.

What chiefly puzzles me is how to recognize the characters on the coins as they seem to go in all sorts of directions & to have been ornamentally disposed on the coin rather than in their sound sequence.

I do hope you will pardon the liberties I have taken, & any advice you can give me will be warmly appreciated.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely

L. Forster

Lieut.

late R. Warwick. Regt.



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H.M. THE KING.

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BY APPOINTMENT TO
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES.

L/YJ.

Kindly address your reply to Numismatic Dep^t

27th March 1934.

Howland Wood, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway,
At 156th Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Howland Wood,

You will remember showing me on my visit that small inscribed gold nugget with some Chinese character on it, which you were endeavouring to date. Would it be asking too much of you for a photograph of it, and any other particulars you may have been able to acquire concerning it since my visit, as you will remember, I have always been interested in Chinese coins, and I should like to have these particulars for reference purposes?

Yours faithfully,

Robert Tomlinson

April 13, 1934.

Leonard Forrer Jr., Esq.
Spink & Son, Ltd.
5, 6 & 7 King St. St. James's,
S.W.1, London, England.

Dear Mr. Forrer:

I am enclosing a photograph of front and back of the small gold nugget. This is being worked upon by several Chinese scholars but up to date little headway has been made. According to the way you hold it the characters might be read as 50 or 15. The character for 10 is apparently a little later than the 12th century B. C. It was found on a site occupied by the Lin dynasty between 1300-1100 B. C. The general opinion now is that it may be early Chow dynasty. I, however, do not want you to publish in any way this piece as we intend to publish it when we are satisfied with all of the findings that we are making.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

TELEPHONE:-
WHITEHALL 5275 (3 LINES)

6 King Street

St James's S.W.1.

August 13th 1936

Dear Mr. Howland Wood,

I have taken the liberty of availing myself of your unfailing kindness and courtesy, and sent you off to-day - at least addressed to the Museum of the American Numismatic Society - a registered letter package containing 35 South American gold coins. What is at the back of it is that I am coming over to the States, chiefly for a holiday, but at the same time I wanted to have these few coins with me, and knowing the difficulty and delay which occurs when a stranger tries to get this sort of thing through the Customs, I ventured to hope that you would not mind too much my sending them in this manner. Any and all expenses incurred are of course at our charges, and I do realise that much of the trouble you may have can never be repaid. I expect to land in New-York on the 20th, and will come and see you soon after. My address there will be at 61 Gramercy Park North, as before.

I enclose the approval notes for your guidance, and the package is accompanied by a Consular Invoice in due form and order.

Looking forward to seeing you again, and with many grateful thanks,

Yours sincerely,

Leonard J. Foner (Jw.)

Howland Wood Esq.,
New-York.

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DAYS.

1.	Mexico, Ferdinand VI, 1747, Onza, 1st type	18	.	.
2.	— — 1747, $\frac{1}{2}$ onza.	21	.	.
3.	— Charles III, 1761, Onza.	10	10	.
4.	— — 1760, $\frac{1}{2}$ onza	12	10	.
5.	— — 1761, escudo	4	.	.
6.	Colombia, Charles III, 1765, 2 escudos NR	3	15	.
7.	Mexico, Charles III, 1768, $\frac{1}{2}$ onza.	11	10	.
8.	— Ferdinand VII, 1813, onza, Guadalupe	25	.	.
9.	— — 1821, onza, Guadalupe	15	.	.
10.	Chile, Charles III, 1763, 4 Escudos, 2nd type	15	.	.
11.	Peru, Carlos II, 1700, onza	40	.	.
12.	Peru, Philip V, 1704, 2 Escudos.	12	10	.
13.	Peru, Ferdinand VI, 1751, Escudo	5	15	.
14.	Peru, Charles III, 1765, 4 Escudos	15	.	.
15.	Peru, Charles IV, 1792, 4 Escudos	20	.	.
16.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1810, $\frac{1}{2}$ escudo	27	10	.
17.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1810, Escudo	7	.	.
18.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1811, Onza	12	.	.
19.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1812, 4 Escudos	17	10	.

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20.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1812, 2 escudos.	7	10	.
21.	Peru, " 1813 4 escudos	15	.	.
22.	Guatemala, Charles IV, 1789, 4 escudos	15	.	.
23.	" " 1801, Onza	25	.	.
24.	" Ferdinand VII, 1817, Onza.	21	.	.
25.	" " 1817, 4 escudos.	15	.	.
26.	Peru, Ferdinand VII, 1812, Onza, Lima	20	.	.
27.	" " 1824, Onza, Guayaquil for Royalist troops.	24	.	.
28.	Guatemala, Ferdinand VI, 1757, Onza.	30	.	.
29.	" Ferdinand VII, 1817, Escudo.	7	10	.
30.	Argentina, 1826, 1/2 onza.	25	.	.
31.	" Rosas, 1842, 2 Escudos.	15	.	.
32.	" Republic, 1843, 2 Escudos.	10	.	.
33.	" 1884, 1/2 Argentine	15	.	.
34.	Ecuador, 1843, Onza.	18	.	.
35.	" 1845, Onza	100	.	.

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61 GRAMERCY PARK NORTH
NEW YORK, N. Y.

GRAMERCY 5-1216

August 21st 1936.

Dear Mr. Howard Wood,

As foreshadowed in the letter from London
I arrived safely on the Bremen yesterday. I would
like to come & see you on Monday morning next
the 24th inst. about 11 a.m. if this is convenient.
I could then take delivery of the package or ask you
to forward it to me if it is not yet clear.

Thank you a thousand times for all your
kindness.

Yours sincerely
Leonard S. Jones,

61 GRAMERCY PARK NORTH

NEW YORK, N. Y.

GRAMERCY 5-1216

August 24th 1936.

Dear Mr. Howard Wood,

As promised to Mr. Nye this morning I am sending you a line with reference to the package forwarded to the Museum from London. If there is any difficulty in clearing (which I do not really anticipate or assume (the consular invoice) will you just refuse the package & have it returned to sender. If however you can clear it I would be enormously obliged if you would make it me express

% St. Louis Stamp Co

408 Olive St.

Saint Louis Mo.

where I expect to be reached up till August 31st.

With very many thanks & apologies for all the trouble I am causing you,

Yours very truly,

Leonard S. Forrey.

August 25, 1936

Memo to Mr. Wood:

If you plan to be here Thursday this matter can wait until I get in on that day.

In your mail there is or has been a letter from Mr. Farrar, Jr. of Spinks, regarding a consignment of coins which he was sending to himself in our care. He was here Monday on his way to St. Louis and explained that he had sent with a consular invoice a number of gold coins of Central and South America which must have had a bullion value well in excess of \$100 and a sale value above that.

I am attaching the notice we received from the postoffice which seems to imply that a formal entry would have to be made for them. Would not this imply an entry in bond? I assume that it did and told Mr. Farrar so, suggesting that possibly the simplest procedure would be for us to refuse the consignment and have him re-mail it from London.

If as I stated, you will be here Thursday, we can discuss this matter.

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August 27, 1936

Mr. Leonard Farrar,
% St. Louis Stamp and Coin Co.,
408 Olive Street,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Farrar:

I was sorry that I was away in the country when you arrived. As a matter of fact I did not get your letters until I came in yesterday.

Today I went to the Custom House to see if I could get the package cleared but found I could not without going through formal entry as value of the package was over \$100.00, although not dutiable. I did, however, release the package from the Post office section of the Custom House so that one step has been taken care of, but as it would take several days to clear this I did nothing about it as I do not know how long you expect to be in this country.

If when you get to New York you care to have it cleared, this can be done either through a Custom House broker or personally. I doubt if the Society itself can do it because whether dutiable or not the invoice is entered on our bond book and we are responsible for the pieces forever after unless we go through the steps of exporting them.

I am supposed to be on my vacation. If when you come back I do not happen to be here, Mr. Noe, as Secretary, can write a letter to the Custom House authorities, transferring the goods to you and can put you in touch with a broker. If you want us to refuse them later on we can easily attend to this matter.

Trusting to see you when you get back, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

Sept. 9, 1936

Customs Bureau
Rm 3506, Gen'l P.O.
W. 33rd St. near 9th Ave.,
New York, NY

Gentlemen:

We are herewith returning you notice No. 158619 of a package sent by Spink & Son, Ltd., of London, together with their bill and Consular invoice. We do not care to have this package entered and herewith give orders for its return to Messrs. Spink & Son Ltd. If there are any further formalities to comply with, either write or telephone Mr. S. P. Noe, Secretary.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
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HOTEL RETLAW FOND DU LAC, WIS.	HOTEL WAUSAU WAUSAU, WIS.
HOTEL LORAIN MADISON, WIS.	HOTEL CALUMET FOND DU LAC, WIS.
HOTEL SCHROEDER MILWAUKEE, WIS.	

MILWAUKEE
WISCONSIN

Sept 18. 1936.

Dear Mr Howard Wood,

I am so grateful to you for all the trouble you have taken especially on your vacation over that parcel I sent over. I think now the best thing would be to refuse it than it returned to us to London. In case I get no chance of calling in on my way back, could I ask you to put the necessary machinery in motion so that the package may be returned without too much delay?

With very many grateful thanks,

Yours sincerely

Leonard S. Forney